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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

SUBJECT: Certification of Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) Operational Testing

Section 814 (b) Public Law 106-398, also known as the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, limits the number of workstations to be provided under the NMCI contract to no more than fifteen percent of the total number to be procured under the contract until specified requirements are met. More specifically, Subparagraph (b)(3)(A) requires the Secretary of the Navy to conduct operational testing of the first increment of implementation of NMCI and Subparagraph (b)(3)(B) requires that the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense certify that the results of that operational test are acceptable.

In September and October 2002, the Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force, the Navy's independent operational test activity, conducted an Operational Assessment of NMCI. In addition, from June to November 2002, the Director, NMCI conducted testing of NMCI. On December 11, 2002, the Director NMCI reported the results of these tests to my office, the Office of the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation (OSD DOT&E), and the Office of the Deputy Director, Development Test and Evaluation (OUSD(AT&L)). His report provided the root cause of deficiencies identified, the progress made on corrective actions, and the plans for future action. Based on the Director, NMCI's report, an acceptable testing process has been implemented and the results of the testing demonstrated that the NMCI project is sufficiently capable of identifying issues and implementing appropriate mitigation activities, corrective actions, and program improvements as the program continues to evolve. While some issues remain, the program is displaying the requisite stability and positive test results to proceed beyond the limitation stipulated in P.L. 106-398.

Based on the information provided by the Director, NMCI, and the Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force, I certify that the results of the operational test are acceptable.

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